



State of Washington  
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REPORT OF EXAMINATION  
FOR WATER RIGHT APPLICATION

PRIORITY DATE  
3/19/2012

WATER RIGHT NUMBER  
S3-30662

MAILING ADDRESS  
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SITE ADDRESS (IF DIFFERENT)  
3721 Hill Loop Road  
Kettle Falls WA 99141

**Quantity Authorized for Diversion**

DIVERSION RATE	UNITS	ANNUAL QUANTITY (AF/YR)
0.067	CFS	2

**Purpose**

PURPOSE	DIVERSION RATE			ANNUAL QUANTITY (AF/YR)		PERIOD OF USE (mm/dd)
	ADDITIVE	NON-ADDITIVE	UNITS	ADDITIVE	NON-ADDITIVE	
Single Domestic Supply, stockwater and irrigation of 3 acres	0.067			2		01/01 - 12/31

**Source Location**

COUNTY	WATERBODY	TRIBUTARY TO				WATER RESOURCE INVENTORY AREA		
STEVENS	UNNAMED SPRING					61-UPPER LAKE ROOSEVELT		
SOURCE FACILITY/DEVICE	PARCEL	WELL TAG	TWP	RNG	SEC	QQ Q	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE
UNNAMED SPRING	1981401		38 N.	38 E.	05	NE¼NW¼	48.82454	118.00947
Datum: NAD83/WGS84								

**Place of Use (See Attached Map)**

PARCELS (NOT LISTED FOR SERVICE AREAS)

1981401

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF AUTHORIZED PLACE OF USE

E½NE¼NW¼ of Section 5, T. 38 N., R. 38E.W.M.

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### Proposed Works

Ring tile, small pump and pvc lines

### Development Schedule

BEGIN PROJECT	COMPLETE PROJECT	PUT WATER TO FULL USE
October 1, 2016	October 1, 2018	October 1, 2020

### Measurement of Water Use

How often must water use be measured?	Monthly
How often must water use data be reported to Ecology?	Upon Request by Ecology
What volume should be reported?	Total Annual Volume
What rate should be reported?	Annual Peak Rate of Withdrawal (cfs)
Bi-weekly means every two weeks	

### Provisions

#### Measurements, Monitoring, Metering and Reporting

An approved measuring device shall be installed and maintained for each of the sources identified by this water right in accordance with the rule "Requirements for Measuring and Reporting Water Use", WAC 173-173.

WAC 173-173 describes the requirements for data accuracy, device installation and operation, and information reporting. It also allows a water user to petition the Department of Ecology for modifications to some of the requirements.

#### Water Use Efficiency

The water right holder is required to maintain efficient water delivery systems and use of up-to-date water conservation practices consistent with RCW 90.03.005.

#### Proof of Appropriation

The water right holder shall file the notice of Proof of Appropriation of water (under which the certificate of water right is issued) when the permanent distribution system has been constructed and the quantity of water required by the project has been put to full beneficial use. The certificate will reflect the extent of the project perfected within the limitations of the permit. Elements of a proof inspection may include contracting with a Certified Water Right Examiner to confirm as appropriate, the source(s), system instantaneous capacity, beneficial use(s), annual quantity, place of use, and satisfaction of provisions.

#### Schedule and Inspections

Department of Ecology personnel, upon presentation of proper credentials, shall have access at reasonable times, to the project location, and to inspect at reasonable times, records of water use, wells, diversions, measuring devices and associated distribution systems for compliance with water law.

### Findings of Facts

Upon reviewing the investigator's report, I find all facts, relevant and material to the subject application, have been thoroughly investigated. Furthermore, I concur with the investigator that water is available from the source in question; that there will be no impairment of existing rights; that the purpose(s) of use are beneficial; and that there will be no detriment to the public interest.

Therefore, I ORDER approval of Application No. S3-30662, subject to existing rights and the provisions specified above.

### Your Right To Appeal

You have a right to appeal this Order to the Pollution Control Hearings Board (PCHB) within 30 days of the date of receipt of this Order. The appeal process is governed by Chapter 43.21B RCW and Chapter 371-08 WAC. "Date of receipt" is defined in RCW 43.21B.001(2).

To appeal you must do the following within 30 days of the date of receipt of the Order.

File your appeal and a copy of this Order with the PCHB (see addresses below). Filing means actual receipt by the PCHB during regular business hours.

- Serve a copy of your appeal and this Order on Ecology in paper form - by mail or in person. (See addresses below.) E-mail is not accepted.
- You must also comply with other applicable requirements in Chapter 43.21B RCW and Chapter 371-08 WAC.

Street Addresses	Mailing Addresses
<b>Department of Ecology</b> Attn: Appeals Processing Desk 300 Desmond Drive SE Lacey, WA 98503	<b>Department of Ecology</b> Attn: Appeals Processing Desk PO Box 47608 Olympia, WA 98504-7608
<b>Pollution Control Hearings Board</b> 1111 Israel Road SW Ste 301 Tumwater, WA 98501	<b>Pollution Control Hearings Board</b> PO Box 40903 Olympia, WA 98504-0903

Signed at Spokane, Washington, this            day of            2014.

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Keith L. Stoffel, Section Manager

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## **BACKGROUND**

This report serves as the written findings of fact concerning Water Right Application Number S3-30662.

### ***Public Notice***

RCW 90.03.280 requires that notice of a water right application be published once a week, for two consecutive weeks, in a newspaper of general circulation in the county or counties where the water is to be stored, diverted and used. Notice of this application was published in the Statesman Examiner on November 7 and 14, 2012, and no protests were received.

### ***Consultation with the Department of Fish and Wildlife***

RCW 90.03.280 requires the Department to send notice to the Department of Fish and Wildlife of applications to divert, withdraw or store water. They had no comments over the application for single domestic supply or objections to the granting of this permit.

### ***State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA)***

A water right application is subject to a SEPA threshold determination (i.e., an evaluation whether there are likely to be significant adverse environmental impacts) if any one of the following conditions are met.

- (a) It is a surface water right application for more than 1 cubic foot per second, unless that project is for agricultural irrigation, in which case the threshold is increased to 50 cubic feet per second, so long as that irrigation project will not receive public subsidies;
- (b) It is a groundwater right application for more than 2,250 gallons per minute;
- (c) It is an application that, in combination with other water right applications for the same project, collectively exceed the amounts above;
- (d) It is a part of a larger proposal that is subject to SEPA for other reasons (e.g., the need to obtain other permits that are not exempt from SEPA);
- (e) It is part of a series of exempt actions that, together, trigger the need to do a threshold determination, as defined under WAC 197-11-305.

Because this application does not meet any of these conditions, it is categorically exempt from SEPA and a threshold determination is not required.

## **INVESTIGATION**

A site visit was conducted August 26, 2014. The applicant was not present. No development has occurred. In the southern portion of the property is a small draw. There is evidence that during spring and early summer water flows in the draw. At the time of the field investigation, the draw was dry with the exception of a small spring area. Water was ponded with no overflow. The draw would flow northwesterly towards a small pond area. The area has multiple small perched lakes in the granite. No flow of this area would directly contribute to Fifteen Mile Creek.

The applicant plans to construct a ring tile type pump area with 1½ inch pvc pipe. The water would be pumped up hill across the road for domestic, stockwatering and limited irrigation including watering trees for reforestation. The proposed amount of irrigation would not exceed 3 acres. Storage would

probably be required during late summer and dry periods. There may not be sufficient water in the spring area for irrigation in late summer.

### **Beneficial Use**

Single domestic supply (including limited irrigation and stockwater) is a beneficial use. Thirty gallons per minute (0.067 cfs), 2 acre-feet per year should be sufficient for single domestic supply, some limited irrigation not to exceed three acres and stockwater.

### **Water Availability**

An analysis of water availability must take into account not only the physical limitations on the source of supply, but the legal availability as well. There is sufficient water for single domestic supply. Storage will probably be required.

Therefore, water for single domestic supply is available for appropriation.

### **Impairment Considerations**

A review of department records was conducted for existing water rights, permits, and claims within the vicinity of the proposed diversion.

There are no rights of record within the vicinity of the spring.

### **Public Interest Considerations**

There has been no public expression of protest or concern regarding the subject proposal, and no findings through this investigation indicate that there would be any detrimental impact to the public welfare through issuance of the proposed appropriation.

Chapter 90.54 RCW provides that water allocation shall secure maximum net benefits to the people of the state, while also requiring that perennial rivers of the state shall be retained with base flows necessary to provide for the preservation of fish and other environmental values.

The approval of this application for this quantity and use will not be detrimental to the public interest.

### **Conclusions**

Under Chapter 90.03.290 RCW, an application for permit may be approved if water is available for appropriation, and the proposed use would be a beneficial use, would not impair existing water rights, and would not be detrimental to the public welfare.

It is the conclusion of this examiner that surface water is available for single domestic supply (including limited irrigation and stockwater). This appropriation is considered a beneficial use and will not impair existing water rights or be detrimental to the public welfare.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

Based on the above investigation and conclusions, I recommend that this request for a water right be approved in the amounts and within the limitations listed below and subject to the provisions listed above.

### Purpose of Use and Authorized Quantities

The amount of water recommended is a maximum limit and the water user may only use that amount of water within the specified limit that is reasonable and beneficial:

0.067 cubic feet per second

2 acre-feet per year

Single domestic supply (including stockwater and irrigation up to 3 acres)

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*Kevin Brown, Report Writer*

*Date*

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